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FIRST LEAD CIA (A266)

WASHINGTON, JAN. 9 (AP)—CIA DIRECTOR RICHARD HELMS GAVE A TOP SECRET BRIEFING ON WORLD TROUBLE SPOTS--PRESUMABLY VIETNAM AND RED CHINA--TODAY TO AN EXPANDED SENATE PANEL CHARGED WITH MONITORING U.S. INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES.

SEN. RICHARD B. RUSSELL, D-GA., CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL SENATE UNIT THAT FOR YEARS HAS SUPERVISED CIA ACTIVITIES, BROADENED THE GROUP TODAY BY INVITING SENS. J.W. FULBRIGHT, D-ARK., AND SEN. BOURKE B. HICKENLOOPER, R-IOWA, THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING REPUBLICAN ON THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, AS WELL AS SENATE LEADERS MIKE MANSFIELD, D-MONT. AND EVERETT M. DIRKSEN, R-ILL.

FULBRIGHT AND MANSFIELD HAVE BEEN SEEKING TO EXPAND RUSSELL'S CIA WATCHDOG GROUP TO INCLUDE SOME MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

MANSFIELD SAID TODAY THAT HE THOUGHT RUSSELL'S INFORMAL ACTION WOULD SETTLE THE LONG DISPUTE OVER SENATE SUPERVISION OF THE BIG INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. UNTIL NOW THE PANEL HAS BEEN MADE UP SOLELY OF VETERAN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED SERVICES AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES.

HOWEVER AS FULBRIGHT STEPPED THROUGH THE CLOSED DOOR OF THE ARMED SERVICES HEARING ROOM, GUARDED BY A CIA SECURITY AGENT, HE SAID HE COULDN'T SAY WHETHER THE NEW ARRANGEMENT WOULD SATISFY DEMANDS OF SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CIA OPERATIONS.

HICKENLOOPER SAID "I AM HAPPY BUT I AM ALWAYS HAPPY."

HELMS, WHO GOT INTO HOT WATER LAST YEAR BY SIGNING A LETTER TO AN EDITOR COMMENDING AN EDITORIAL PRAISING THE CIA AND CRITICIZING FULBRIGHT, SAID HE HAD NOTHING TO SAY ABOUT THE NEW ARRANGEMENT.

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SEN. EUGENE J. MCCARTHY, D-MINN., A PRIME MOVER IN THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE IN INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION LAST YEAR TO INCREASE RUSSELL'S CIA PANEL, SAID THE BROADENED COMMITTEE "IS THE SUBSTANCE OF WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR. THERE REMAINS, HOWEVER, A QUESTION OF WHETHER THIS CAN BE GIVEN AND TAKEN AWAY."

MCCARTHY PRESUMABLY MEANT WHETHER RUSSELL, HAVING OPENED THE DOOR TO BROADENED MEMBERSHIP COULD CLOSE THE DOOR AGAIN LATER.

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ANOTHER NEW MEMBER OF THE CIA PANEL THIS YEAR IS SEN. KARL E. MUNDT, R-S.D. MUNDT IS FILLING A VACANCY LEFT BY THE RESIGNATION OF SEN. LEVERETT SALTONSTALL, R-MASS.

MUNDT, A MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, IS REPRESENTING THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, HOWEVER, ON THE CIA PANEL.

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